



What is the FSA?

- Florida's K-12 assessment system measures students' achievement of Florida's education standards, which were developed and implemented to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for success in college, career, and life. Assessment supports instruction and student learning, and test results help Florida's educational leadership and stakeholders determine whether the goals of the education system are being met.

Who will take the FSA?

- Students in grades 3-5 will participate in FSA ELA assessments.
 - All students will participate in ELA Reading.
 - Students in grades enrolled in grades 4 & 5 will also participate in ELA Writing.
- Students enrolled in grades 3-5 will participate in FSA Mathematics assessment.

Will my student receive any accommodations?

- Students having up-to-date IEPs, Section 504 plans receive the accommodations that are indicated on the current IEP or 504 plan for state-wide assessments.
- Students receiving ESOL services are provided all appropriate accommodations.

Test Administration Information

- ELA Writing (Grades 4 & 5)
 - Consists of one text-based constructed-response item (students read a variety of texts and respond to a prompt).
 - Administered in one 120-minute session.
 - A Writing Planning sheet is provided. A sample is provided on the FSA Portal (<http://fsassessments.org/>).
- ELA Reading & Mathematics (Grades 3-5)
 - ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments contain 56-66 items.
 - FSA ELA & Mathematics sessions are administered over 2 days. Test session lengths are as follows:
 - ELA Reading – Two 80-minute sessions
 - Mathematics – Two 80-minute sessions
- CBT Work Folders are provided for each math session. A sample is provided on the FSA Portal (<http://fsassessments.org/>).
- CBT Worksheets are provided for each reading session for note-taking. A sample is provided on the FSA Portal (<http://fsassessments.org/>).
- Calculators are NOT permitted for Grades 3-5 Mathematics. Reference sheets are available and samples can be found on the FSA Portal (<http://fsassessments.org/>).

Mock/Practice FSA Tests

- Computer-based and paper-based practice tests, as well as paper-based test items practice handouts, for each assessment, are available on the FSA Portal (<http://fsassessments.org/>).

- Students are required to participate in a practice session at school prior to testing.

Invalidation

- The following actions can invalidate your child’s test:
 - Talking and/or being disruptive during testing.
 - Not following testing instructions.
 - Having electronic devices.
 - Cheating or sharing answers.

Promotion Information

- ✓ Students in grade 3 must achieve a Level 2 or higher on the FSA ELA Reading Assessment for promotion purposes.

RCSA Elementary FSA Testing Schedule

Test	Grade Levels	Dates	Format
WIDA Access for ELLs	K-5	January 29 – March 17	Paper
FSA ELA Writing	4-5	March 6	Paper
FSA ELA Reading	3	April 10-11	Paper
FSA ELA Reading	4	April 18-19	Computer
FSA ELA Reading	5	April 16-17	Computer
FSA Mathematics	3	April 24-25	Computer
FSA Mathematics	4	May 1-2	Computer
FSA Mathematics	5	May 7-8	Computer
FCAT Science	5	May 1-2	Paper
iReady Diagnostic 3	3	April 30 – May 2	Computer

Mock Testing Schedule (Practice FSA Assessment)

Test	Dates
Writing 4 th grade	February 15 th
Writing 5 th grade	February 5 th
Reading 3 rd grade	March 27 th and 28 th
Reading 4 th grade	March 27 th and 28 th
Reading 5 th grade	March 12
Math 3 rd grade	April 3 rd and 4 th
Math 4 th grade	April 10 th and 11 th
Math 5 th grade	April 23 rd
Science 5 th grade	April 9 th

Test Day Reminders:

- ✓ Get plenty of rest.
- ✓ Eat a nutritious breakfast. A small snack will be served when testing is COMPLETED.
 - ✓ Be on time!
- ✓ Do NOT bring any electronic devices.
 - ✓ Use good test-taking strategies.
 - ✓ Do your best.
- ✓ Check your work carefully.

*If your child is not feeling well on the day of the test, please keep him/her home. Make-up days are scheduled directly after the testing days. Once a student begins the test, if he/she would get sick, the test cannot be retaken.